

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**  
**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: An estimated 2,670 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and an estimated 500 men each year will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS: The public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and

WHEREAS: Early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and

WHEREAS: Due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS: In order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary; and

WHEREAS: In remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this often overlooked disease, it is appropriate to designate October 13<sup>th</sup> through October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week ;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 13<sup>th</sup> through October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as

**MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK**

across the State, and I encourage all citizens to foster public awareness and understanding of male breast cancer and encourage early detection and prompt treatment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2019.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State